

Please do NOT cease regulating broadband (DSL) service provided by BellSouth or any other carrier.

Both cable and DSL infrastructures essentially remain monopolies, even though they compete with each other. The argument that few competitors have made inroads against the monopoly, hence competition can be dispensed with seems absurd on its face. If those few vigorous competitors weren't affecting prices, BellSouth wouldn't seek to eliminate them. Only the real threat of competition keeps a monopoly from gouging its customers.

As a former SBC DSL customer who switched to an independent DSL ISP, I am grateful to the FCC for maintaining competitive markets through sensible regulation.